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RESUMPTION OF PERMITTED 2401-W WASTE STORAGE BUILDING OPERATIONS

- References: (1) Ecology ltr. to J. Hebdon, RL, from L. E. Ruud, dated February 13, 2001.
- (2) RL ltr. to M. A. Wilson, Ecology, from S. H. Wisness, "Request to Deny Closure of the 2401-W Waste Storage Building (2401-W)," 01-RCA-126, dated February 1, 2001.

In a letter from the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) dated February 1, 2001 (Reference 2), RL formally withdrew its intent to close the 2401-W Waste Storage Building (2401-W), a portion of Central Waste Complex (CWC), so that 2401-W could resume treatment, storage, and/or disposal (TSD) unit operations. In the February 1, 2001, letter RL requested that Ecology deny approval of the "2401-W Waste Storage Building Closure Plan," DOE/RL-99-46, Revision 0, that had been submitted to Ecology on July 29, 1999, for formal approval.

In a letter dated February 13, 2001 (Reference 1), Ecology rejected RL's request to deny closure plan approval. Since then Ecology has approved the closure plan by including it into Part V, Chapter 21 (Attachment 49) of the Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit (HF RCRA Permit), issued February 28, 2001. RL plans to resume TSD unit operations at 2401-W.

RL's actions do not conflict with activities taken to date because the unit is not clean closed due to the final Professional Engineer and owner/operator closure certification, in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 173-303-610(6), not being completed. The final status permit for CWC does not reflect this closure status because 2401-W remains within the CWC TSD unit boundary in all CWC permitting documents. 2401-W closure was a stand-alone, interim status unit closure action that has not yet been reflected in the CWC Part A, Form 3, or Part B Permit Application (Attachment 44) to the HF RCRA Permit.

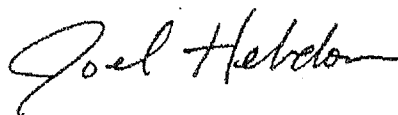
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RL would like to resume TSD unit operations at 2401-W and requests Ecology's consideration in this matter. We would like to initiate discussions on this issue when it is convenient for you and your staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Astrid Larsen, of my staff, on (509) 372-0477, or Gregory Sinton, of the Waste Management Division, on (509) 373-7939.

Sincerely,



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